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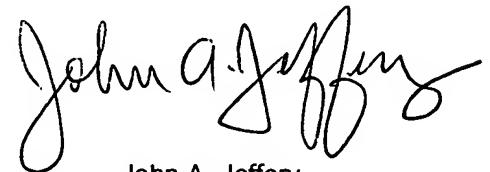
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DETAILED ACTION

Non-Responsive Amendment

The reply filed on 1/26/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant did not adequately respond to at least the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 466-471 and 473-518 on Pages 10-11 of the Office action mailed 8/25/05. On Page 23 of the Remarks filed 1/27/06, applicant states:

Upon the present application being in condition for allowance but for the double patenting rejections, Applicant will provide arguments for the inappropriateness of the double patenting rejections and/or provide a terminal disclaimer.

Such an abeyance, however, hardly satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.111. For an amendment to be responsive, applicant's reply must:

- (1) distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the examiner's action;
- (2) reply to every ground of objection and rejection in the prior Office action; and
- (3) present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims patentable over any applied references.

See 37 CFR 1.111(b). Because applicant did not adequately respond to at least the double patenting rejections of claims 268-272, 274-276, 283-288, 291-299, 301, 303, 306-309, 311-315, 317, 319-323, 325-343, 345-349, 351, 353-363, 365, 367, 369-398, 400-408, 625, 659, 685 and 710, the amendment is non-responsive.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John A. Jeffery whose telephone number is (571) 272-4781. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday - Friday from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans, can be reached on (571) 272-4777. All faxes should be sent to the centralized fax number at (571) 273-8300.

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